

MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE

FROM THE MANAGER



Mark Sandoval,
Manager of Marinas and Beaches

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones – I hope you have a wonderful Holiday season. As we feel the effects of a stumbling economy and witness discord in many parts of the world, hopefully this time of peace and harmony will provide the beginning of the change we desperately need.

The Alamitos Bay Marina rebuild is pushing forward. We have initiated discourse with the Federal Army Corps of Engineers, who had already heard grumbling about the impact of the eelgrass policy. We have a consultant on board that worked for the Army Corps, and is overseeing the process of pushing for a quick (and hopefully cheaper) result. In addition, we have submitted a 25-year financial pro-forma to our bond counsel, which (in my opinion) validates the ability to bond for the remainder of the rebuild funds with modest future slip fee increases. Finally, we are using that same pro-forma to demonstrate to the State Department of Boating and Waterways our financial viability, so they will agree to subordinate their loans to a bond issue. All of this is needed to begin the rebuild. More to follow.....

I have received a couple of questions regarding the Temporary Assignment (TA) Program we have in the marinas. As you may know, we have a guest dock policy, which allows guests to rent available dock space at a nightly rate of \$0.80 per lineal foot of vessel length. There is a 15-night limit for this program. As we move towards the rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina, we are holding slips open, because we are reducing the number of small slips, and once the marina is rebuilt, those slips will not exist. Since we made an assurance that the rebuild would not result in any of our marina customers being forced to leave the marina, we cannot fill these slips permanently or we cannot fulfill this promise. Therefore, we have created

the TA Program. Under this program, we are renting slips that are empty for the rebuild on a month-to-month basis. We cannot tell anyone how long he or she will be able to stay in the slip, and may need to move to a different slip if needed, but as you know, the rebuild will not start for at least a year, so the TA slips will be available for some time. This program is somewhat tedious for my staff, because they need to chase many of these customers for rent each month, but it is generating about \$700,000 in annual revenue, which helps keep regular slip fees down.

On a final topic, we have been evaluating security in the Shoreline Marina, and have recognized that it is time to re-key the marina, because there are just too many keys out that are not accounted for. In the past, we charged a key deposit to customers and guests, but many times, the customer or guest has chosen to keep the key and forego the deposit upon leaving the marina. Since we have not re-keyed for nearly a decade, you can imagine how many unauthorized keys are out there. In addition, we are going to create new parking passes for the same reason. There are many unauthorized passes out there because former customers and guests chose to forego the deposit and keep these passes. The down side to re-keying and re-permitting is that every customer will need to come into the office to make the exchanges. We will use this as an opportunity to check your contact information. I know that this will be an inconvenience, but well worth the enhanced security in the long run. As part of this re-keying program, we will be issuing only fobs, with the exception of liveaboards, who can get one hard key per slip. Since we have re-piped the electronic entrance system, we have had very reliable service, and I am comfortable with the fact that we no longer need to rely on hard keys for dock and restroom access. Those of you in the Shoreline Marina will be contacted directly when we are ready to make the exchanges.

As always, happy and healthy boating.

Mark A. Sandoval

UPCOMING CLASSES

BASIC MARINE WEATHER FOR THE MARINER

– with emphasis on California and the West Coast will be taught at the Shoreline Yacht Club on two Saturdays, January 10 and January 17, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

This weather class covers the Earth's Atmosphere, Wind and Pressure Systems; Moisture in the Atmosphere; Clouds; Stable and Unstable Air; Air Masses and Fronts, Thunderstorms; Fog and Precipitation, Forecasting and much more.

All materials are included in the \$45.00 per person fee, prepaid or \$55.00 paid at the door, if space is available. Send check payable to "SYC Education," 386 Shoreline Drive South, Long Beach, CA 90802.

Class size is limited, so call now for reservations or additional information: 310.632.4748 or e-mail MarionSeaman1@aol.com

SEAMANSHIP CLASS

The Alamitos Sail & Power Squadron will be offering a 7-week *Seamanship Class* on Wednesdays, beginning January 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, 255 N. Marina Drive, Long Beach. The *Seamanship Class* teaches boat handling, rules of the road, seamanship and marlinspike. There will be a \$45.00 charge for this course and USPS membership is required. The Alamitos Sail & Power Squadron will be offering a *Piloting Class* and a *Weather Class* later this year. For further information and to register for this class please call Dick Daybell at 714.801.7319 or at rdaybell@earthlink.net

GETTING DOWN TO BASICS

About Boating Safely

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15-2 will offer

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TIDE CHART FOR JANUARY 2009

		LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
		AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1.	Th	5:26	2.55	6:13	.47	12:29	3.97	11:08	4.65
2.	F	6:35	2.51	6:46	.91	1:07	4.15	11:57	4.02
3.	Sa	8:06	2.27	7:25	1.38	1:48	4.39	1:19	3.36
4.	Su	9:46	1.74	8:14	1.83	2:36	4.71	3:05	2.88
5.	M	11:06	.97	9:20	2.19	3:29	5.11	5:10	2.86
6.	Tu	12:06	.13	10:34	2.37	4:23	5.58	6:36	3.13
7.	W	12:56	-.66	11:41	2.36	5:18	6.10	7:32	3.46
8.	Th	1:42	-1.31	--	--	6:10	6.61	8:17	3.77
9.	F	12:39	2.21	2:25	-1.75	--	--	7:01	7.02
10.	Sa	1:33	1.99	3:08	-1.94	--	--	7:49	7.25
11.	Su	2:25	1.78	3:49	-1.87	--	--	8:37	7.2
12.	M	3:16	1.62	4:29	-1.56	--	--	9:25	6.92
13.	Tu	4:09	1.55	5:08	-1.04	--	--	10:12	6.34
14.	W	5:05	1.57	5:47	-.38	--	--	11:00	5.55
15.	Th	6:09	1.64	6:24	.35	12:21	4.86	11:53	4.63
16.	F	7:25	1.67	7:03	1.09	1:08	4.91	12:56	3.72
17.	Sa	8:59	1.54	7:45	1.76	1:59	4.93	2:29	2.99
18.	Su	10:39	1.16	8:42	2.30	2:56	4.96	4:49	2.73
19.	Mo	11:54	.66	10:02	2.64	3:58	5.04	6:44	2.94
20.	Tu	12:46	.20	11:17	2.74	4:56	5.19	7:40	3.21
21.	W	1:26	-0.17	--	--	5:46	5.39	8:14	3.42
22.	Th	12:11	2.67	1:59	-.44	--	--	6:28	5.61
23.	F	12:53	2.51	2:28	-.62	--	--	7:05	5.82
24.	Sa	1:29	2.32	2:55	-.72	--	--	7:39	5.98
25.	Su	2:02	2.13	3:20	-.75	--	--	8:10	6.04
26.	Mo	2:35	1.97	3:45	-.67	--	--	8:41	5.99
27.	Tu	3:09	1.84	4:09	-.50	--	--	9:12	5.81
28.	W	3:45	1.75	4:34	-.21	--	--	9:44	5.48
29.	Th	4:25	1.69	4:57	-.17	--	--	10:18	5.02
30.	F	5:11	1.65	5:22	.63	--	--	10:56	4.43
31.	Sa	6:08	1.61	5:47	1.14	--	--	11:43	3.74

PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND

Long Beach Police
Marine Patrol Emergency
911
or **9911** (Dock Phone)

Non Emergency
562.435.6711

Maintenance during
working hours
562.570.1582

Alamitos Bay Office
562.570.3215

Shoreline Office
562.570.4950

Rainbow Harbor
562.570.8636

After office hours
562.570.3101

SLIP PAYMENT PROCESSING OPTIONS

In these busy times, we are all looking for ways to get things done more efficiently. The City offers several ways to pay your slip rental payment. As a reminder, your payment is due the first of each month, is considered late if payment is not received by the 10th of the month and will incur a 10% late fee, and your permit is subject to cancellation if payment is not received by the 17th of the month. Payment is due each month, even if you do not receive a statement in the mail.

Payments will not be accepted at the marina offices. Payments may be made as follows:

- **Mail** a check with your statement, and include your account/permit number on the check.
 - *No convenience fee*
- **In-Person at City Hall**
 - You can pay using cash, check, or credit card (MasterCard or Visa)
 - *No convenience fee*
- **Recurring Credit Card Program**
 - Monthly payments are automatically charged to the customer's credit card
 - *No convenience fee*
 - Application available on-line at <http://www.longbeach.gov> or at the Marina Offices
 - This authorization will remain in effect unless you revoke credit card usage in writing or the credit card expires. If the credit card is declined, your account will be assessed a penal-

ty and you will be removed from the Credit Card Program. You can avoid being removed for an expired credit card by providing your new expiration date prior to the expiration.

• Easy Pay Program

- Monthly payments are automatically deducted from the customer's checking account
 - *No convenience fee*
- Application available on-line at <http://www.longbeach.gov> or at the Marina Offices

• Phone – 562.570.5700

- Pay using a credit card (MasterCard or Visa)
 - *There is a \$3.99 convenience fee*
- Please have your E-Account number available. Your E-Account Number is located right below your account number on your bill

• The Web at <http://www.longbeach.gov>

- Select the "Online Payments" button on the City's homepage
- Pay using a credit card (MasterCard or Visa)
 - *There is a \$3.99 convenience fee*
- Pay by E-check
 - *There is a \$0.95 convenience fee*
- Payments made after 3:00 p.m. will post the following business day.

If you have any questions, please contact Financial Management at 562.570.5700 or the Marina Office.

UPCOMING CLASSES ... continued

About Boating Safely in a four-session format. The class will begin Monday, Mar. 2, at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, 255 Marina Drive, Long Beach (in Alamitos Bay). The class will run from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The course describes types of boats, including PWCs, trailering, rules of the road and navigation, operating a boat, legal requirements and boating emergencies.

The \$25 fee includes the text and a proctored examination that is required to receive a certificate of completion. Many insurance companies offer discounts to boaters completing the course. It also satisfies court impositions.

Pre-registration is required. Call Beth or Burt Irwin 714.897.5200 or e-mail abirwin1@earthlink.net

BOATING CLEAN

You can help keep our waters clean. Eliminate overboard discharge of sewage into our waters by never discharging directly into the water; store sewage in holding tanks and dispose of it properly at pumpout stations or use a commercial pumpout service; and use shore-side facilities as often as possible.

